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NEWS FROM THE TWIN CITIES

By Gayle Ingalls

"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." ~ Mother Teresa

Wow! What a wonderful Sunday we had. The Fish Fry on Sunday to benefit Wade Bartels family and it was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated, worked, came and ate, cleaned up and all the other things in between. It was such a pleasure to work with the other churches in the county. To the troopers who worked so hard in the heat to fry the fish. You are all my heroes! Besides the fish and hush puppies being delicious, you took a beating out in that heat. Bless you all. Please keep the prayers coming for Wade, his doctors and his family.

Mandy Walker, Baxter Springs surprised me on Tuesday by coming to visit. Katie Mann and Piper and I met her in Emporia. We got pedicures, went for lunch and did a little shopping. That evening Mandy and I, Jared, Katie, Carter, Max and Piper Mann, and Tony Mann visited Mike and Jordan, Janae and Wade Ingalls for a grilled steak dinner and delicious sides. Tuesday was Gerald and my anniversary. Thank you my dear family for bringing good memories to a special day.

Everyone is very excited that the Jirak fruit truck has been stopping at St. Anthony's parking on Sunday morning. They have had corn on the cob and cantaloupe. I thought I saw where the watermelon are getting close. Can't wait for that!

Our sympathy goes to the Darla Weiss family. Darla fought a long hard battle for many years. Thoughts go to John and the family.

Also our thoughts are with the Mildward family on the death of Kenny. He will be greatly missed. His service was held at the Saffordville School last Friday afternoon.

Congratulations to Joe and Jenna Soyez were married last Saturday in western Kansas. Best wishes to the happy couple for many happy and healthy years together.

There will be a Sunday sundae Bingo on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 1 to 4 pm at St. Anthony's Hall in Strong City. This is a fundraiser for Velvet Swigert in her battle with cancer.

The Saffordville United Methodist Church is also having a Breakfast Fundraiser supporting Velvet Swigert in her battle against cancer for medical expenses. It will be held on August 23rd beginning at 11:00am following worship service at the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Free will donation. Menu is Biscuits and Gravy.

How much rain did you get the other night? My goodness, I heard anywhere from 3 to over 5 inches. I don't think anyone was expecting that in August. I feel sorry for those who received the bad hail around Emporia the other night. It looked like it did a lot of damage to trees, crops, roofs, windows and vehicles.

School is starting soon. Be courteous and safe watching out for our children and all getting to and from school safely. God bless you all.

LEGALS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
MARK STEVEN SENN,
Deceased
CS-2026-PR-000006
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Danielle N. Hulings, a daughter and heir of Mark S. Senn, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Kansas:
1/4 Lots 9 & 10, Block 74, City of Valley Falls, Jefferson County, Kansas
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Strong City, Chase County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
/s/ Danielle N. Hulings
DANIELLE N. HULINGS, Petitioner
SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Monte L. Miller
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF CHASE COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL ERIC COLLINS,
Deceased
CS 2026 PR 0000005
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Makenzie L. Collins, an adult daughter and an heir of Paul Eric Collins, deceased, requesting:
Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Chase County, Kansas:
Lots 25 through 31, Block 4, in Emslie's Addition to the City of Strong, Chase County, Kansas.
and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by Decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.
You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before September 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the city of Cottonwood Falls, Chase County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
/s/ Makenzie L. Collins
MAKENZIE L. COLLINS, Petitioner
SUBMITTED BY:
/s/ Monte L. Miller
MONTE L. MILLER

The governing body of Unified School District 397 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 6:45 PM at 2374 310th Street, Room 111, Lost Springs, KS 66859 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.
The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

	Code 99 Line	2024-2025 Actual: Actual Expenditures (1)	2024-2025 Actual: Actual Tax Rate* (2)	2025-2026 Actual: Actual Expenditures (3)	2025-2026 Actual: Actual Tax Rate* (4)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Budgeted Expenditures (5)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	2026-2027 Proposed Budget: Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	4,118,841	20.000	4,402,320	20.000	4,181,284	724,752	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	921,903	13.556	879,869	11.536	924,572	442,125	11.014
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	81,535	0.000	85,790	0.000	77,146	0	0.000
Preschool-Aified At-Risk	11	9,608		10,153		15,000		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	266,809		303,673		308,333		
Virtual Education	15	843,432		858,976		741,550		
Capital Outlay	16	2,727,236	5.989	749,895	7.994	937,980	321,126	8.000
Driver Trainnin	18	3,815	0.000	3,126	0.000	8,550	0	0.000
Food Service	24	186,138		174,696		208,519		
Professional Development	26	20,159		10,963		84,267		
Special Education	30	930,951		843,403		1,086,077		
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	212,663	0.000	183,731	0.000	250,077	0	0.000
Gifts and Grants	35	180,260		350,620		225,676		
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		371,168		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	315,408		314,683				
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	533		3,463				
Activity Fund	56	29,189	0.000	43,868	0.000		0	0.000
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	10,848,580	39.547	8,224,431	39.530	9,423,206	1,488,003	39.014
Less: Transfers	105	2,239,433		2,315,174		1,942,200		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	8,609 147		6,909 257		7 481 000		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	1,426,794		1,454,703		1,488,003		

†. Sponsoring District Only
*ax Rates are expressed in Mills

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TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	$1,426,794		$1,454,703		$1,488,003		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	$34,276,529		$34,905,140		$36,237,589		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	$37,921,915		$38,740,345		$40,140,714		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	$37,921,915		$38,740,345		$40,140,7141		

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Board President

Marianne Kahler
Clerk of the Board

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2026-2027 School Year
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Detailed budget information, including budget profile, is available at District Office and will be available at this hearing.

Revenue Neutral

	Actual Taxes Levied (1)	Actual Tax Rate (2)	2025-2026: Revenue Neutral Taxes (3)	2025-2026: Revenue Neutral Tax Rate (4)	2026-2027: Proposed Taxes to be Levied (5)	2026-2027: Proposed Tax Rate (6)
General	$698,103	20.000	$698,117	19.265	$724,752	20.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS						
Supplemental General (LOB)	$446,909	11.536	$446,927	11.134	$442,125	11.014
Capital Outlay	$309,691	7.994	$309,686	7.715	$321,126	8.000

Revenue Neutral Calculation

Total Taxes Levied Including General Fund	$1,454,703	39.530	$1,454,730	38.114	$1,488,003	39.014
Total Taxes Levied Excluding General Fund	$756,600	19.530	$756,613	18.849	$763,251	19.014

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Clerk of the Board

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

OBITUARIES

DARLA RAE (CAHOONE) WEISS

Darla Rae (Cahoone) Weiss, 63, died August 3, 2026, at Morris County Hospital, Council Grove. She was born January 25, 1963, in Wichita, to Zelma Maxine (Livesay) Cahoone and Howard Allen Cahoone.

Darla moved to Strong City in 1978 to live with her grandmother, Lucille Cahoone and uncle, Bill Cahoone. She worked for various places in the food service industry.

In 1987, she married Jon D. Weiss and had two sons, Tyler and Seth.

Darla is survived by: husband, Jon, of the home; sons, Tyler Weiss and wife Amanda, Seth Weiss and wife Kaylene; step-daughter, Tamara Moots and husband Joel; grandchildren, Brooklyn, Rylee, Cy, Cope, Brandon and Noah; and sister, Debrah Houston Bupp.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Tom Barlow and Bruce Cahoone.

Darla's wishes were to be cremated. Private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to Morris County Hospital in care of Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home, PO Box 220, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.

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08/15/2026 at 10am - DOUBLE B CATTLE CO LIVE AUCTION: (2890 Zebulon, Lincolnville, KS) – Feedlot Equipment, Skid Steers, Wheel Loader, Trucks, Semis, Combines, Harvest Equipment, Motor Grader, Tillage Equipment, Lots of Scrap Metal
SOLD - 06/30/2026 at 6pm LAND AUCTION: 98.9+/- ac in Chase Co – Creek Bottom Cropland, Silver Creek & Recreation (The Lorena M. Magathan Family)

REAL ESTATE

NEW LISTING: 411 Main, Florence (Commercial Bldg) - $99,500.00
NEW LISTING: 00000 W 5th St, Florence (City Lots) - $7,000.00
NEW PRICE: 348 State, CWF (City Lots) - $17,000.00
NEW PRICE: 2265 U Rd, Strong City (7.2ac with Home) - $295,000.00
NEW PRICE: 115 Main St, Cedar Point (Drinkwater & Schriver Mill on 2.6ac) - $85,000.00
NEW LISTING: 1961 US HWY 50, SC (6 Ac Flint Hills) - $47,400.00
NEW PRICE: 125 3rd St, Florence (2 bed, 1 bath) - $95,000.00
NEW PRICE: 314-316 N Cottonwood Ave, SC (Commercial Bldg) - $71,900.00
SOLD: 333 Pine, CWF (4 bed, 2 bath) - $174,900.00
SOLD: 125 Pearl, CWF (2 bed, 1 bath) - $149,900.00

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Matthew Regier, Pastor
620-877-7091
Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Saffordville United Methodist Church
Pastor David L. Siler
Home: 620-699-3321
Cell: 620-794-6772
dsiler@greatplainsumc.org
Worship Service - 9:45 am
Sunday School - 10:30 am

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Father Andrew Seiler
Mass: Sunday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m.; and Tuesday 12:15 p.m.

Flint Hills Community Church
office@Flinthillschurch.net
620-273-6777
1998 KS HWY 177, Cottonwood Falls
Rev. David Thomas, Pastor
www.flinthillschurch.net
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Livestreamed at www.youtube.com/@FHCC-CWF

First Presbyterian Church (USA)
Church Phone: 620-273-6650
200 Maple
Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

Cottonwood Falls Faith Methodist Church
Rick Branson, Pastor
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Strong City Grace Lutheran Church
Elder Paul Jones
273-8685
Worship Service, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

Fire on the Prairie H20 Church. TV
313 Broadway
Cottonwood Falls
Bible Study, Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Elmdale United Methodist Church
David Siler, Pastor
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